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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION

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Dear Sir:

This response is filed subsequent to the Communication, Paper No. 17, mailed January 16, 2001 for which a response is due on February 16, 2001; accordingly this paper is timely filed.